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Website: www.deq.mt.gov**PUBLIC NOTICE NO. MT-14-39
December 8, 2014**PURPOSE OF PUBLIC NOTICE

The purpose of this notice is to state the Department's intention to issue wastewater discharge permits to the facilities listed in this notice. These permits are issued by the Department under the authority of 75-5-402, Montana Code Annotated (MCA); the Administrative Rules of Montana (ARM) 17.30.1301 *et seq.*, Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES); and Sections 402 and 303 of the Federal Clean Water Act. The Water Protection Bureau has prepared draft permits for the facilities listed below. Copies of the draft permits, statements of basis, and environmental assessments are available upon request from the Water Protection Bureau or on the Department's website www.deq.mt.gov.

APPLICANT INFORMATION

APPLICANT:

Town of Joliet
P.O. Box 210
Joliet, MT 59041

FACILITY NAME:

Town of Joliet Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION:

T 4 S, R 22 E, Sec. 13, Joliet, MT
Carbon County, Latitude 45°29'08"N, Longitude
108°57'22.5"W

RECEIVING WATER:

Outfall 001: Rock Creek
Montana Stream Segment MT43D002_120

PERMIT NUMBER:

MT0020249

This permit is a reissuance of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) permit for discharge of treated wastewater from the Town of Joliet Wastewater Treatment Facility (WWTF) to Rock Creek. A fact sheet is available for review, and describes the rationale for the permit renewal. The applicant operates a 3-cell aerated facility with continuous discharge and no disinfection. The average facility design flow is 0.4 million gallons per day (mgd) and effluent is discharged from Outfall 001 to Rock Creek. The proposed permit will continue to apply limits for 5-day biochemical oxygen demand (BOD₅), *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) bacteria, pH, and total residual chlorine (TRC). Proposed

changes from the previous permit include proposed limits for ammonia and nutrients, and Technology Based Effluent Limits (TBELs) for total suspended solids (TSS) based on Secondary Treatment Standards. The proposed permit requires periodic self-monitoring of discharge quality and quantity, with monthly reporting of results. This permit and fact sheet will be submitted to the EPA for approval.

On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new permits or increase permitted discharges under the MPDES program. The order was issued in the lawsuit *Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al.*, CA 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. The Montana Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) finds that the issuance of this proposed permit does not conflict with the order because this is not a new or increased source of pollution to Rock Creek.

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APPLICANT: Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch
1723 South 72nd Street West
Billings, MT 59106

FACILITY NAME: Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch
Wastewater Treatment Facility

FACILITY LOCATION: Yellowstone Boys & Girls Ranch
1723 South 72nd Street West
Billings, MT 59106
Yellowstone County

RECEIVING WATER: Outfall 001: Canyon Creek

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0020460

This public notice is for the renewal of a Montana Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (MPDES) wastewater discharge permit for a five-year period. The MPDES permit regulates the discharge of treated domestic sewage from the three-cell wastewater treatment facility. This renewal includes the same effluent limits as the previous permit except that based on new data ammonia was increased from 0.58 mg/L to 2.7 mg/L average monthly limit and a 5.9 mg/L daily maximum limit was added.

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permitted discharges under the MPDES program. The order was issued in the lawsuit Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al., CA 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. The DEQ finds that the issuance of this proposed permit does not conflict with the order because it is not a new or increased source.

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APPLICANT: Dawson County West Glendive

FACILITY NAME: Community of West Glendive Wastewater Treatment Plant

FACILITY LOCATION: 102 Highway 16, Glendive

COUNTY: Dawson

RECEIVING WATER: Side channel of Yellowstone River

PERMIT NUMBER: MT0021733

The existing Community of West Glendive Wastewater Treatment Plant consists of a two-cell facultative lagoon without disinfection. Dawson County, owner and operator of the plant, plans to connect the existing wastewater collection system to the new City of Glendive Water Resource and Recovery Facility (WRRF) when it is completed in 2016. This renewal permit will be in place in case Dawson County does not connect the existing Community of West Glendive Wastewater Treatment Plant to the City of Glendive WRRF. Under this permit, the facility is authorized to discharge treated wastewater to a side channel of the Yellowstone River at Outfall 001.

On September 21, 2000, a U.S. District Judge issued an order stating that until all necessary total maximum daily loads (TMDLs) under Section 303(d) of the Clean Water Act are established for a particular water quality limited segment, the State is not to issue any new permits or increase permitted discharges under the MPDES program. The order was issued in the lawsuit Friends of the Wild Swan v. U.S. EPA, et al., CV 97-35-M-DWM, District of Montana, Missoula Division. DEQ finds that the issuance of this permit does not conflict with the order because it is not a new permit and it does not allow an increase in pollutants.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Public comments are invited ANYTIME PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 7, 2015. Comments may be directed to the DEQ Permitting & Compliance Division, Water Protection Bureau, PO Box 200901, Helena, MT 59620. All comments received or postmarked PRIOR TO CLOSE OF BUSINESS January 7, 2015 will be considered in the formulation of final determinations to be imposed on the permits. If you wish to comment electronically, you

may e-mail Barb Sharpe at bsharpe@mt.gov.

During the public comment period provided by the notice, the Department will accept requests for a public hearing. A request for a public hearing must be in writing and must state the nature of the issue proposed to be raised in the hearing (ARM 17.30.1373).

The Department will respond to all substantive comments and issue a final decision within sixty days of this notice or as soon as possible thereafter. Additional information may be obtained upon request by calling (406) 444-3080 or by writing to the aforementioned address. The complete administrative record, including permit application and other pertinent information, is maintained at the Water Protection Bureau office in Helena and is available for review during business hours.

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